



PATENT

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : Brian J. Belfiore, et al
FOR : **WIRE GRIPPER FOR A DRIVE UNIT OF
A WIRE FEEDER**
SERIAL NO. : 10/623,963
FILED : July 22, 2003
EXAMINER : Kevin P. Kerns
ART UNIT : 1725
CONFIRMATION NO. : 5329
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. : **LEEE 2 00293**

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609, applicant(s) submit(s) the following Disclosure Statement concerning art of which the applicant(s) is (are) aware. A copy of PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that any information referred to herein or submitted herewith is "prior art" or is considered to be material to patentability for this invention.

The United States Patent and Trademark Office OG Notice dated 12 October 2004 published a final rule revising 37 C.F.R. 1.98 dealing with the content of Disclosure Statements. Paragraph (a)(2) was revised to read in part, "A legible copy of: (i) Each foreign patent; (ii) Each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed, other than U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications unless required by the Office." Therefore, Applicant(s) has (have) not enclosed copies of

05/13/2005 SHINASS1 00000084 10623963

01 FC:1806

180.00 DP

the cited U.S. patents and published patent applications with this Information Disclosure Statement.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(g) and (h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b) exists.

☐ Under § 1.98(a)(3), a concise explanation of relevance is required for information that is not in the English language. Accordingly, the English language documents have no further explanation.

☐ All of the cited and/or included documents were cited by the Patent Office in a related application(s). A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

Consideration of the appropriate paragraph(s) indicated below is respectfully requested:

☐ **WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF FILING:** Under § 1.97(b)(1), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application (or date of entry of the national stage). Although it is believed no fee is necessary, any deficiency in fees should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

☐ **BEFORE FIRST OFFICE ACTION:** Under § 1.97(b)(3), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Although it is believed no fee is necessary, any deficiency in fees should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

☒ **BEFORE FINAL ACTION, OR NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE, OR ACTION THAT CLOSES PROSECUTION/WITH STATEMENT:** Under § 1.97(c)(1), this information shall be considered if filed before the mailing date of a final action, or a Notice of Allowance or action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application if accompanied by the statement:

Under § 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned states:

☐ A. that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement; or

☐ B. that no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent

office in a counterpart foreign application, and to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

☒ **BEFORE FINAL ACTION, OR NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE, OR ACTION THAT CLOSSES PROSECUTION/WITH FEE:** Under § 1.97(c)(2), this information shall be considered if filed before the mailing date of a final action if accompanied by a fee in the amount of \$180.00 as required by §1.17(p). Accordingly, the necessary fee accompanies this Information Disclosure Statement. Any overpayment or deficiency should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

☐ **AFTER FINAL ACTION, OR NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE, OR ACTION THAT CLOSSES PROSECUTION/AND ON OR BEFORE PAYMENT OF THE ISSUE FEE:**

1. Under § 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned states:

☐ A. that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement; **or**

☐ B. that no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement; **and**

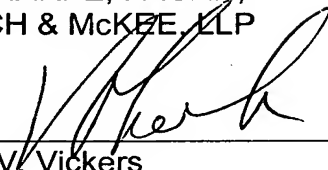
2. ☒ the fee in the amount of \$180.00 as required by §1.17(p). Accordingly, the necessary fee accompanies this Information Disclosure Statement. Any overpayment or deficiency should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

☐ **PRIORITY CLAIM:** The attached PTO 1449 Form includes all patents, publications, or other information previously cited by or submitted to the Office in one or more prior applications from which the present application claims priority. These one or more prior applications are identified in the papers accompanying the filing of this application.

It is respectfully requested that the attached document(s) be considered and officially cited in examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

FAY, SHARPE, FAGAN,
MINNICH & McKEE, LLP



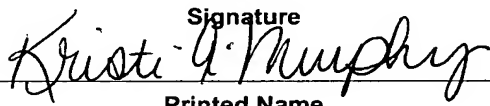
Date

Robert V. Vickers
Reg. No. 19,504
1100 Superior Avenue
Seventh Floor
Cleveland, OH 44114-2518
216/861-5582

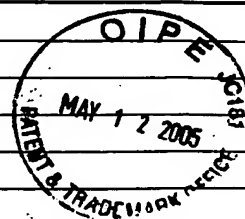
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that this Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying document(s) are being

- ☐ deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8, addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.
- ☐ transmitted to facsimile number _____ under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 on the date indicated below.
- ☒ deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 on the date indicated below and is addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

<p>Express Mail Label No.: EL 964454508</p>	<p>Signature </p>
<p>Date May 12, 2005</p>	<p>Printed Name Kristi A. Murphy</p>

Substitute for Form 1449/PTO SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT(S) <i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i>	COMPLETE IF KNOWN	
	Application Number	10/623,963
	Filing Date	July 22, 2003
	First Named Inventor	Brian J. Belfiore, et al.
	Art Unit	1725
	Examiner Name	Kevin P. Kerns
Sheet 1 of 1	Attorney Docket No.	LEEE 200293



U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Document No. Number-Kind Code (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
	AA	US-5,053,598	10-01-1991	Sakai et al.
	AB	US-5,072,872	12-17-1991	Casset et al.
	AC	US-		
	AD	US-		
	AE	US-		
	AF	US-		
	AG	US-		
	AH	US-		
	AI	US-		
	AJ	US-		
	AK	US-		
	AL	US-		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	T
		Country Code-Number Kind Code (if known)			
	AM				
	AN				
	AO				
	AP				

OTHER - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T
	AQ		
	AR		
	AS		
	AT		
	AU		
	AV		

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--